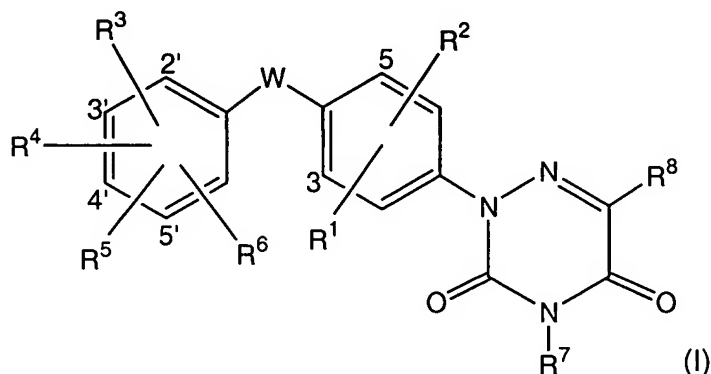


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides novel compounds of the Formula I



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and prodrugs thereof, geometric and optical isomers thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such compounds, prodrugs and isomers, wherein R¹ to R⁸ and W are as described herein. Pharmaceutical compositions containing such compounds, prodrugs, isomers or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and methods, pharmaceutical compositions and kits for treating obesity, overweight condition, hyperlipidemia, thyroid disease, hypothyroidism, thyroid cancer and related disorders and diseases such as diabetes mellitus, atherosclerosis, hypertension, coronary heart disease, hypercholesteremia, depression, osteoporosis, cardiac arrhythmias, glaucoma and congestive heart failure are also provided.

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